

UK Committee on Children and Young People's Nursing

5th February 2019

13:00- 16:00

RCN HQ Room 102 (The Agnes Hunt room), 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

AGENDA

Attendees:

Dave Clarke, Chair, RCN CYP Acute Care Forum

Julie Birch

Chris Gordon, UKSE, Pathwayhead, Health Visiting

Lynn Davinson Children Services Manager, Care Quality Commission

Jenny Oliver

Alison Robertson, Chief Nurse, Great Ormond Street Hospital

Obi Amadi, CPHVA

Carol Williams, Independent Nursing and Healthcare Consultant

Teleconference:

Katrina Mcnamara, Honorary Secretary, Association of British Paediatric Nurses

Kelly, ODM

Kate Pye, Deputy chair of ACCN

Apologies:

Notes reviewed from previous meeting

Point 5 – Dave's name to be corrected

Action - invite Anne trotter back for future presentation

CYP forums to hold summit – formal feedback to be received by Thursday and FGG bid submitted

Fiona to share letter to Lords of parliament

Action - circulate funding letter from Lucy for apprenticeships

Matters arising

Professional nursing issues across the UK

Fiona wanted NHS ten-year plan to be raised. Couple of points. What are opportunities for CYP nursing. Spoke about commitments to increase placements. To also do an online learning provision. Only the Open University are doing this and nothing focused in the children's area. Kate on the pod said well child did a summary of the ten-year plan with comments. Reviewed and shared on twitter. Kate to try and find this piece and share with Ahmed/Dave. Group discussed around recruitment section on the ten-year plan. Wording seems to suggest a guarantee of job after placement. Need to look at sustainability and retention as well as recruitment. Produces a gap and questioned if the numbers reflect the true numbers on the workforce. Dave commented that this is something that needs to be looked at by the RCN with its Safe Staffing work.

Dave also spoke about the online degree provision. Questioned the numbers on the Open University as course been well provisioned for many years. Data not readily available. Interested to see what their provision is. Dave suggested that the ten-year plan be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Could be a lot of development on this until the next meeting so need to focus on key updates and press attention.

Kelly on pod spoke about the ACCN conference last year and outcomes from the conference. Kelly – action to send Dave/share review. Chris spoke about numbers of school nurses. Spoke of her area in Suffolk where numbers are severely suffering. Has returned to practice herself only 3 weeks ago. Lynn commented that there are also of pockets of nurses across the UK who are doing great work. But confirmed

concern around number of children without a school nurse. Emotional wellbeing and health becomes less of a priority and education and Ofsted parameters receiving more focus and resources.

Lynn also spoke about her organisations research around SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) in schools. Running for just over 5 years and researching all 152 local authorities every year. After 2.5 years of implementing a new plan, there is still a year on year rise in the numbers of SEND children in schools. Significant in local authority areas with underprivileged communities.

Lynn offered to speak at next meeting with regards to mental health issues, its effect on CYP and also domestic violence. Suggested this be tied in with some of the work done with gang violence and youth intervention especially around county lines.

Comfort break

'Identifying the Children's Nursing Workforce Required in Special Needs Schools – a pilot project' – Carol Williams, Nursing and Healthcare Consultant

All introduced to Carol who joined the meeting. Fiona requested Carol do presentation on the special needs schools and services provided in her review. Spoke about her experience of visiting her first school. 27 children with very complex needs but only two staff members. Another staff member comes in at lunchtime to deal with meds for pupils. Sheffield, West Sussex, Kent, South Wales and Bradford all involved in the areas for review. Produced a tool for data collection within schools of those areas. Tool designed for use by a professional paediatric nurse. Provided training in the use of the tools for nurses. Difficulty around term times etc. and training provision so took a while for data collection. Tool split the categories of needs into five areas. Complex and fluctuation health needs, complex and long term, everyday complex needs, medicines safety and partnership such as safeguarding and health care plans.

NMC pre-registration standards & prescribing - Anne Trotter, Assistant Director: Education & Standards, Nursing and Midwifery Council

Program approval event held for first time since new standards. Anne updated on the website and the developments for the standards. Commented and flagged with NMC as to the location of standards on the website. Medicines management standards are being withdrawn from January 28 2019. This is because they feel they cannot provide guidance's on clinical matters. Needs updating as out of date. NMC doesn't regulate or manage organisations and their produce. Has issue with a lot of the guidance's on the NMC websites. Looks one dimensional as just text. Ideas to expand and bring guides to life by making them more interactive. Showed multiple examples of the work they are looking to do on the webpages and the guidance's.

Reports from members

- Written updates to be received and circulated in advance of the meeting

Carol has no reports from organisation.

Jenny spoke about her organisation with regards to apprenticeships and her organisation.

Lyn gave an update on her organisation. Looking at joint area investigations. Next focus is CYP mental health. Not looking at CAMHS again as reviewed and engaged already. Looking at support and roles, children in vulnerable areas who are not on CAMHS radar. Also inspection of sexual abuse centres and referrals. Concerns around the way CYP are serviced in these centres as very small number of trained paediatric nurses in roles across the UK.

State of health visiting – Chris. Concern around the numbers of health visitors and recommendation of safe level of health visitors. Case numbers optimal at 200 per HV. Current numbers at 300+. London caseloads at 700-900 per HV. Serious risk on safe staffing.

Julie gave short update to say usual workload continues to develop and increase. Will update at later meeting

Obi updated on the NMC. Praised success of first conviction of FGM in UK. Landmark ruling. Mary Seacole awards open for applications now for this year. Would like more children's projects featured in the awards. Project, development or research in BME areas.

Katrina updated on ABPN – sponsor event at Birmingham university following APPG on pain and palliative for children. funding and education needed.

Future meeting dates

4th June 2019, 13.00-15:45

24th September 2019, 13.00-15.45

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